

BOROUGH OF BLANDFORD FORUM.

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MEDICAL OFFICER'S REPORT for the YEAR, 1941.



To the Mayor and Members of the Blandford Borough Council.

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The Minister of Health has directed that Sanitary Reports for the year 1941 shall, as for 1939 and 1940, be abbreviated and confined to essential and urgent matters, especially those arising from the War and exceptional administrative measures. Statistics are to be preserved but not included in this interim report.

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The population of the Town was swollen throughout the year by wartime visitors. Some overcrowding was unavoidable and had to be condoned.

Nevertheless health remained good. There were no epidemics of any importance. The Sanitary Services stood up to the extra strain.

Immunisation against Diphtheria, started in 1940, was continued throughout 1941. A further 56 children under five and 171 over five, or 227 in all were immunised. By the end of 1941 I estimate that 40% of the child population between the ages of 1 and 5 had been immunised and 83% of those between 5 and 14. This is a very satisfactory position, but further efforts are being made to improve the figures for the infants.

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